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ROME FOR FODAG

1. NETHERLANDS DRAFT PAPER FOR GG DISCUSSIONS FAIRLY
VAGUE BUT DOES INCLUDE ADDITIONAL MATTERS WHICH WILL RE-
QUIRE ROME ATTENTION THROUGHOUT YEAR. IT MAY TREAT TOO
LIGHTLY MATTERS SUCH AS GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY
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WARNING SYSTEM AND THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRO-

DUCTION AND INVESTMENT WHICH WILL REQUIRE PRIORITY ATTENTION.

2. WITH REGARD INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD), HAVE DIFFICULTY SEEING HOW GG CAN USEFULLY HOLD DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME. INITIATIVE IS CLEARLY WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL AND KEY TO ITS CREATION REMAINS AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM NEW DONORS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT NEW DONORS WOULD SUPPLY SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT FUNDS WHILE THEY MIGHT BE LESS WILLING TO TAKE ON FOOD

AID BURDEN. IN ANY CASE, NEW FUND WOULD DEPEND ON NEW DONORS.

3. BELIEVE GROUP SHOULD CLOSELY FOLLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT. OUR VIEWS IN STATE 11502 APPLY.

4. HAVE MIXED VIEWS AS TO HOW RECONSTITUTION OF IGC SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT. SHARE APPARENT DUTCH DESIRE KEEP COMMITTEE FROM BEING OPEN ENDED. RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THIS IS CONTRARY TO PRESENT THINKING OF WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MAY BE DIFFICULT CONSIDERING DESIRE OF MANY GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE. WHILE WE WOULD BE WILLING CONTEMPLATE 36-MEMBER COMMITTEE, COMPOSITION IS AS IMPORTANT AS NUMBERS--AND IN OUR VIEW IT SHOULD INCLUDE NEW AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL DONORS ALONG WITH RECIPIENTS. SOME FORMULA OTHER THAN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP WILL NEED TO BE DEvised. OUR AIM IN RECONSTITUTION EXERCISE IS TO FIND WAY TO ACCOMMODATE BASIC LDC OBJECTIVES WHILE MAINTAINING CONTROL OVER OBJECTIVES AND DESTINATION OF USG FOOD AID DISBURSEMENTS.

5. IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT, ASIDE FROM IGC RECONSTITUTION AS DECIDED BY WFC, USG HAS PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD AID SUBCOMMITTEE UNDER CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT TO BE ORGANIZED BY IBRD. ROLE WHICH WE SEE SUCH SUBCOMMITTEE PLAYING WOULD HAVE SOME EFFECT ON RECONSTITUTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IGC. WHILE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOMMENDED IN ANY UN FORUM, WE ARE CURRENTLY FORMULATING VIEWS AS TO ITS VALUE AND FUNCTION.

6. SINCE IGC MATTERS ARE UNDER INTERAGENCY STUDY, WE ARE NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSION OF THEM IN GENEVA GROUP WITH COORDINATION OF POSITION IN MIND. AT SAME TIME IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO LEARN

ANY VIEWS OF OTHER GROUP MEMBERS WHICH MAY BE ELICITED.
WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH THEM FURTHER
IN NEXT MONTH OR TWO, LEADING TO FULL RANGE OF DIS-
CUSSION IN MARCH IGC MEETING FOLLOWED BY TWO DAY AD HOC
MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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